Dear Jim,

@ 7/1/74

Thanks for the Scott tape backing Hunt/Buckley. HR and I listened to it with interest this a.m. but I'll have to go over Hunt again because I clipped the paper to it and didn't catch what I want.

Scott is very bright but he continued to fill in gaps with wrong information that his mind, not fact provides. He is not on this subject as he is on V.N. However, there is one thing I did not remember and will have to check, the date correlation between the Russ Maheu/CIA/Rosselli deal and the Haldeman sudden interest in what makes no sense at all, the publicly-known and publicly-announced O'Brien representation of Hughes. With Bennett in the middle, it worked out just fine, as it did with Dita, DeMotte, etc.

Bennett is a much more significant man in this than appears.

I have almost finished All the President's Men. You were right. I suggest any interesting visual measure: check the index on Bennett, Mullen, the Mullen agency and Hunt. One mention of Bennett, as Hughes' rep only. None of Mullen and one, a meaningless one, as I recall, of the agency.

And in going over the Caddy clips to get ready to write, I noticed that they knew Hunt was with Mullen in 1969!

There was a deal. If Bennett is not Deep Throat he is Deep Background.

Progress report on I Am Not a Crook: The Sayings of Chairman Richard (with more on the planned cover to make clear it is a spoof) All initial copy in NYC.

Progress report on TOP SECRET JFK Assassination Transcript: My introductory text written (unread by me), edited by HR and to be read by JL Wednesday, when he is to deliver his legal memo and selection of appendages to it.

Transcript mounted for camera. The waxer worked great the first time ever used here. Cleaner and much faster than magic tape.

Most of FBI, SS reports to be added separated into special file. Missing ones asked for. Much speed as possible.

I suppose the first effort to use will be if the Khr. defense thinks the case against him on now is strong enough.

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